

STAT 2. Mr. Mandel, of the staff of the Internal Security Subcommittee, called to state that the Committee would have as a witness on 29 March [REDACTED] a Latvian now an American citizen and author of [REDACTED]. This book is alleged to be heavily pro-  
STAT Communist. Mr. Mandel stated that the Committee would like to have, in confidence, any information we had concerning [REDACTED] and the name of an appropriate Baltic refugee of sufficient eminence to testify concerning the "slant" of "The Baltic Riddle" and certain facts in connection with it. After STAT consultation with [REDACTED] told Mr. Mandel that the best refugee we might recommend was [REDACTED] the last Minister of Public Affairs in Latvia, who was considered to be well versed in the ins and outs of Communism. I suggested to Mr. Mandel that he might wish to check with the Kersten Committee investigating the takeover of the Baltic nations as to their suggested for a witness and as to the effectiveness of Berzins when he appeared before their Committee.

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